

THE HAZELNUT

A City of Tukwila publication for our residential and business communities

VOLUME 30, NUMBER 5

NOVEMBER 2009

Are you ready? **FLOOD IN THE VALLEY**

Since our last *Hazelnut* there have been many developments in the area of City of Tukwila emergency preparedness and the potential Green/Duwamish River flooding caused by some problems at the Howard Hanson Dam.

The most frequently asked question is how likely is it that the City will experience flooding in the coming rainy season(s). The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, which has responsibility for the Howard Hanson Dam, has discovered weaknesses in the Dam's right abutment – an earthen area of great concern due to signs of water seepage at an accelerated rate. In response, the Corps plans to retain less water behind the dam than they have in years past, resulting in the release of considerably more water downriver during heavy rain events. The release of more water in the quantities mentioned by the Corps of Engineers will result in a high probability of flooding in the cities of Auburn, Kent, Renton and Tukwila along the Green/Duwamish River watershed.

Being aware of these facts, the City of Tukwila's Emergency Management Director is working extremely hard on the potential flooding issues. We have organized an Emergency Management Council consisting of the City's Mayor, City Administrator, Emergency Management Director and Department Heads. We have identified six major areas to address: mitigation and protective measures, flood response, continuity of operations, short-term recovery, long-term recovery, and project accounting. Specific responsibilities have been assigned to each department.


Directing our attention to you, the residents and businesses of Tukwila: What can YOU do? BE PREPARED. If you live or conduct business in any vulnerable area along the river, you should plan now for any possibility that you may be impacted by flooding.

The City of Tukwila has and will continue to communicate with you via the following:

- ✓ The City's website – www.ci.tukwila.wa.us – is loaded with ongoing and up-to-the-minute data and links regarding the Howard Hanson Dam and Green/Duwamish River situation.
- ✓ For those who subscribe to Comcast, the City's **Public TV Channel 21** has considerable information, and we are now running videos of public meetings and press conferences relating to the flooding preparations.
- ✓ Tukwila **Radio Station AM1640** – which can be heard in most all areas around town – broadcasts City information, particularly updates and critical information during times of emergency.
- ✓ Go to these information sources for announcements of upcoming community meetings, and opportunities to volunteer should you be willing and able to assist in this effort!

The Boeing Company has generously provided a facility for the staging and distribution of sandbags and other materials we need to place along our river levee system in order to allow more water flow than normal. Shipments arranged by the Corps of Engineers started arriving at this facility the first week of October. Several businesses have volunteered property and equipment for staging and actual work areas along the river to accomplish our tasks. We sincerely thank all of you.

Of course I hope that we will not be faced with a flood event, but we can't afford to take any chances. We must take all precautions and BE PREPARED.


Mayor Jim Haggerton

Look inside for more flood information





Answers to Some Frequently

What's wrong with the dam?

Earthen dams naturally let water soak through at a certain rate – this normal activity is called seepage. This is not usually a problem, but after a heavy storm last January, it was found that the natural seepage rate at the Howard Hanson Dam is now much greater than normal. This is an indicator that some internal erosion is occurring in the natural portion of the dam (not the engineered, man-made structure). The super-fast seepage is occurring when water is held behind the dam above a certain level. In order to avoid aggravating this problem, less water will be allowed to pool behind the dam until a permanent fix can be installed.

For more information about the dam, go to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Seattle District website at www.nws.usace.army.mil

What does the problem mean to communities along the river?

Restricted flood storage capacity means increased flood risk to the Green/Duwamish River Valley below the dam. Should a major flood event occur with the temporary restrictions on pool elevation, it is possible that levees in the lower valley could be overtopped.

Will there be flooding every time it rains?

No. Even with the current restrictions on pool capacity, there is still room to store flood water behind the dam, especially for small to moderate rain events. It is during the less frequent, large rain events that there would be a higher risk for dam releases that may exceed the channel capacity downstream.

What is being done about the problem?

USACE is working hard to provide both temporary and long-term solutions to the problem.

For more specific information on what is being done at the dam, visit the USACE Seattle District website at

www.nws.usace.army.mil

Can't they just empty the reservoir slowly/ keep the reservoir empty so we won't flood?

For all intents and purposes, during the winter months the reservoir is kept empty so that the dam can be used for flood control. Whenever "extra" water is going to hit the Green/Duwamish River basin for whatever reason (such as a heavy rain event), the Corps of Engineers tries to calculate how much water to hold behind the dam to prevent the river from flooding downstream. When the event passes, they can slowly increase the output of the dam until the reservoir is once again "empty".

Their efforts over the last 40+ years have prevented the Green/Duwamish River from flooding; before the dam was built, the Green/Duwamish River flooded every year!

How deep will it be here?

Unfortunately, we don't have an exact answer to that question. Although many models have been created to study the potential impacts, none of them can be completely accurate. Different situations are going to create different problems. In some scenarios an area might stay completely dry, but change the scenario a little bit and that same area could be under water.

Even a very small amount of flood water in your home or business could make it uninhabitable. In that sense, it doesn't really matter how deep it's going to get, just whether there will be flooding at all.

To try to see whether your "here" is at greater relative risk, consider your immediate surroundings. Look at a contour map to see if you are higher or lower in elevation than the surrounding area. In the past when there has been a heavy rain, did water tend to pool and sit for a long time before it drained? Do you have any other waterways besides the main river channel in your vicinity? What obstacles in your area would be likely to keep water out or prevent it from draining away?

What can I do to help?

Get involved! You can become a volunteer for local organizations, or take a lead role in helping your neighbors.

See Flood Safety Tip #5 on page 4 for more information.

Where can I find information about the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)?

The best place to find information about the NFIP is on their website at

www.floodsmart.gov.

Why are you still telling us to buy insurance when the news says that no one will cover us?

Although there are some insurance underwriters that are no longer approving policies for additional comprehensive coverage in the area, there are some that are. For those that are still offering added coverage, a policy with the NFIP is usually a basic requirement to qualify for that additional coverage. **See Flood Safety Tip**

#4 on page 4 for more information.

Asked Questions

How will I know if I should evacuate or not?

When an event necessitates an evacuation, information will be broadcast over the **radio (AM 1640), television (Comcast Cable Channel 21),** and perhaps even the AHAB loudspeaker to let you know which areas should evacuate. If you have signed up for the City's notification system, you can also be notified by telephone, SMS text message, or e-mail.

Please note that some events may require only a small portion of the city to evacuate, and this will be specified in the notification. If you are not in an area asked to evacuate, please stay off the roads!

If there is a huge flood, how much time will I have to evacuate?

The Corps communicates frequently with county and city officials and emergency managers. The Corps urges Green/Duwamish River valley residents to be in contact with those agencies to ensure preparedness for any contingency. Any emergency messages regarding evacuation will come from those entities. For preparedness information for your community, you may want to begin with King County's portal to local emergency management organizations:

<http://www.kingcounty.gov/safety/prepare/Links.aspx>

or their preparedness website:

<http://www.kingcounty.gov/safety/prepare/residents-business.aspx>

Where will the shelters be?

Although Emergency Management has identified potential locations for shelters, the final decision on where to put a shelter is not made until an

event occurs. If we identify a shelter ahead of time and when the event occurs that location is (for whatever reason) unavailable, it could result in a lot of confusion for people who badly need assistance.

When an event occurs that requires a shelter or evacuation center to be established, information will be released over the **radio (AM 1640), television (Comcast Cable Channel 21),** and perhaps even by loudspeaker telling you where to go for shelter or provide further information. *If you've signed up for the City's notification system, you can also be notified by telephone, SMS text message, or e-mail.*

If there is an evacuation, how long will it be until I can come back?

There is no magic number for how long it takes flood waters to recede, or for the resulting health hazards to be contained. Listen for updates on our radio and television channels or via the City's notification system.

After an evacuation, how will I know when it is safe to return?

Once it has been determined that the danger has passed, an All-Clear message will be transmitted via the same methods used to sound the original evacuation – radio, television, and the City's notification system.

What's being done to prevent problems with the levees?

The levees are being closely scrutinized in an attempt to identify any potential problem areas before they become an issue. Once the water in the river begins to rise, the cities (and citizens) will patrol the levee system to watch for developing problems and place secondary containment structures where necessary.

Access to the levees is also being cleared in those areas where trees and overgrowth may hide unseen problems. This access is also needed in order to place materials for strengthening, raising, or providing additional support to the levees.

Why does Kent get to raise their levees and we don't?

Actually, Kent doesn't get to raise their levees – King County does. The entire levee system on the Green/Duwamish River is under the control and authority of the King County Flood Control District. None of the valley cities have the authority to raise their own levees. King County, in concurrence with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, has decided to raise the height of the entire levee system to a uniform capacity. Kent just happened to receive their materials first, which gives the illusion that they are raising their levees when no one else is. You can currently see work being done on Tukwila's levees as well, and that work will increase over the next several weeks.

Will the tidal effect in the Duwamish cause more problems in the north end of town?

One of the interesting characteristics of the Duwamish River is that when it is running at higher levels, the pressure from the increased water flowing down the river and the pressure from the incoming tide tend to cancel each other out. So, no, we don't expect the tidal effect to cause additional problems for the north end of the City.

Public safety remains our number one priority. We encourage City residents and businesses to contact local emergency managers and work with them to determine the best path for being prepared for any contingency.

5 Flood Safety Steps

As Tukwila prepares for possible flooding this winter, all residents and businesses are advised that they need to:

1. BE AWARE

Find out whether you live in an area expected to be impacted by possible flooding, and know the different ways that the river can flood. Check the Flood Evacuation Routes map on the City's website. Familiarize yourself with the assigned route for your area and several ways to reach that route from where you are. Get the latest complete information at www.ci.tukwila.wa.us/hhdam.html

2. BE PREPARED

Whether you work, live or travel through the valley, it's important that you are ready for the potential impacts of flooding.

- ✓ Make a plan and practice it with your family.
- ✓ Put together a "go-kit" with essential items that you can grab in a hurry if asked to evacuate. (see article at right)
- ✓ Check to see what emergency and disaster plans are in place at work and become familiar with them. If there are no plans in place, see if you can help to create one.
- ✓ Use the American Red Cross Serving King & Kitsap Counties as a resource for material and training. Visit their website at www.seattlredcross.org, or call their office at 206-323-2345. Ask for Kelly Kasper for workplace preparedness, or David Shannon for personal & family preparedness.
- ✓ Take steps now to reduce the amount of hazardous materials that surround you – even household cleaners can be a danger if they mix with flood waters that contain other chemicals.

3. STAY INFORMED

- ✓ Sign up for Tukwila's notification and warning system on the City's website at www.ci.tukwila.wa.us/hhdam.html. Joining the "Flood Watch eList" will allow us to contact you by cell phone, telephone land line, SMS text message or email with updates and emergency information to help keep you safe if conditions change on the Green/Duwamish River. Don't have access to the internet? Call Tukwila's Public Works Department at 206-433-0179 to be mailed a paper copy of the sign-up. Live in Tukwila but work in another valley city (or work in Tukwila but live in another valley city)? Find links on our website to sign up for that city's notification and warning system.
- ✓ Tune in to broadcasts on Tukwila Comcast Cable Channel 21 or Tukwila radio (AM 1640).
- ✓ Listen for the All Hazard Alert Broadcast (AHAB) siren that will be installed in the Southcenter area. This is a very loud siren that will be followed by an audio message explaining the alert.

The same audio message will also be heard on AM 1640 and other notification channels, so If you hear the siren, turn on your radio or television for further instructions.

- ✓ Get a NOAA weather radio so that you will receive alerts in real time – these radios stay on and are silent unless an alert for your area is issued. Some are programmable so that you can turn off test alerts or others that you are less involved with.

4. TAKE ACTION

- ✓ If you haven't done so already, look into flood insurance. It is controlled by a national program, and coverage will not increase or be denied just because there's a known problem with the dam.

The average residential flood insurance policy is about \$500 per year as reported by the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Many properties qualify for a rate that is significantly lower. Rates are determined by where your property is located and the Base Flood Elevation of that location.

Be aware that after you purchase a policy, IT DOES NOT TAKE EFFECT FOR 30 DAYS! For more information on the NFIP, visit www.floodsmart.gov and/or talk to your insurance agent today.

Also ask your agent about whether your homeowner's or renter's policy specifically covers sanitary sewer backup – if not, ask for a rider for sanitary sewer backup. Tukwila residents report low prices to obtain a rider for their current policies.

- ✓ When flooding is imminent, PLEASE FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS OF EMERGENCY PERSONNEL. If you are asked to evacuate, do so in a timely fashion. If you are not in an area asked to evacuate, STAY OFF THE ROADS. Leave the streets free for those in an impacted area to get out of harm's way.

5. GET INVOLVED

- ✓ Sign up as a volunteer for the City, American Red Cross Serving King & Kitsap Counties (206-323-2345), United Way of King County (206-461-3655), or other organization active in the Tukwila area. If you'd like to volunteer for the City, please contact Tracy Gallaway at the Tukwila Community Center at 206-768-2822 or via e-mail at volunteer@ci.tukwila.wa.us.
- ✓ Organize your residential or business community using a program like "Map Your Neighborhood" (MYN). The MYN program helps to identify individuals and groups around you with skill sets and equipment that would be useful in responding to disasters. It also helps to identify those who may need additional assistance in a disaster. For more information on the MYN program, go to the website: www.emd.wa.gov/myn

New Opportunities to Volunteer

Tukwila Emergency Management and the City of Tukwila Volunteer Program are finding innovative ways to overcome challenges in the areas of community outreach and preparedness by creating several new volunteer teams and positions. Volunteers will not be tasked with response activities, but will be very active in the preparedness and possibly the recovery phases.

Some of the new positions include:

Disaster Outreach Team (DOT) Member

– identify those who more vulnerable to disaster due to language barriers, mobility, transportation issues or other extra challenges, and assist them to create personal safety networks to overcome those challenges.

Pet Disaster Outreach Team (PDOT)

Member – help pet owners create safety networks for the protection of their pets.

Map Your Neighborhood Program Facilitator

– help neighborhoods utilize the “Map Your Neighborhood” Program.

Workplace Preparedness Advocate

– assist businesses with preparedness programs for their employees.

Personal Preparedness Advocate

– assist neighborhoods and even families with preparedness planning.

Both before and after an emergency or natural disaster occurs, community volunteers with a variety of skills are needed to help support City of Tukwila staff to assist our citizens and business owners.

If you are interested in any of the listed positions or activities, or if you are just generally interested in serving on our Emergency Support Team (EST), please contact the Volunteer Program office and get registered as an EST team member.

Please call 206-768-2822 or send an email to volunteer@ci.tukwila.wa.us

Put together a “Go Kit” ◀

Gathering together the necessities now means you won't be running around when there's no time. At a minimum, have the basic supplies listed below. Keep supplies in an easy-to-carry emergency preparedness kit that you can use at home or take with you in case you must evacuate.

- ❖ Water (one gallon per person per day) (3-day supply for evacuation, 2-week supply for home)
- ❖ Food—non-perishable, easy-to-prepare items (3-day supply for evacuation, 2-week supply for home)
- ❖ Flashlight
- ❖ Battery-powered or hand-crank radio (NOAA Weather Radio, if possible)
- ❖ Extra batteries
- ❖ First aid kit
- ❖ Medications (7-day supply) and medical items
- ❖ Multipurpose tool
- ❖ Sanitation & personal hygiene items
- ❖ Copies of personal documents (medication list and pertinent medical information, proof of address, deed/lease to home, passports, birth certificates, insurance policies)
- ❖ Cell phone with chargers
- ❖ Family/emergency contact information
- ❖ Extra cash
- ❖ Emergency blanket
- ❖ Map(s) of the area

Consider the needs of all family members and add supplies to your kit. Suggested items to help meet additional needs are:

- ❖ Medical supplies (hearing aids with extra batteries, glasses, contact lenses, syringes, cane)
- ❖ Baby supplies (bottles, formula, baby food, diapers)
- ❖ Games and activities for children
- ❖ Pet supplies (collar, leash, ID, food, carrier, bowl)
- ❖ Two-way radios
- ❖ Extra set of car keys and house keys
- ❖ Manual can opener

Additional supplies to keep at home or in your kit based on the types of disasters common to your area:

- ❖ Whistle
- ❖ N95 or other surgical masks
- ❖ Matches
- ❖ Rain gear
- ❖ Towels
- ❖ Work gloves
- ❖ Tools/supplies for securing your home
- ❖ Extra clothing, hat and sturdy shoes
- ❖ Plastic sheeting
- ❖ Duct tape
- ❖ Scissors
- ❖ Household liquid bleach
- ❖ Entertainment items
- ❖ Blankets or sleeping bags

There will be many other opportunities to get involved with:

- ★ Animal Services
- ★ Organizing donations
- ★ Communications
- ★ Construction tools and materials
- ★ Counseling/mental health (licensed practitioners only)
- ★ Door-to-door outreach
- ★ Employment assistance
- ★ Equipment
- ★ Food/food prep skills/kitchen
- ★ Information and referral
- ★ Interpreter/language assistance
- ★ Skilled labor
- ★ Shelter staffing
- ★ Telephone bank
- ★ Volunteer organizing

CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS: AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2009

AUGUST 2009

Appointed Sean Albert to Parks Commission.

Authorized renewal of 6-month moratorium on acceptance of applications for Sign, Development, and Electrical Permits for certain types of signage.

Approved Transfer of Funds in amount of \$958,158.00, from departmental budgets to ending fund balance in General Fund, to implement 3% budget reduction.

Authorized reclaimed water service and use area agreement with Starfire Sports and King County.

Authorized Interlocal Agreement with cities of Auburn, Federal Way, Kent, Renton and Port of Seattle to form Valley Narcotics Enforcement Team (VNET).

Approved settlement agreement between King County Water District No. 125, Valley View Sewer District and the City of Tukwila.

Awarded contract to Ro-Con Equipment Specialist, Inc., for Storm Lift Station No. 18 Improvements.

SEPTEMBER 2009

Authorized execution of amended and restated Interlocal Agreement relating to South Correctional Entity Facility.

Approved resolution declaring local emergency due to flood control capabilities of Howard Hanson Dam.

Awarded contract to Reed Trucking and Excavating, Inc., for Gilliam Creek Basin Stormwater Overflow project.



Council Coffee Chat

On the second Saturday of each month,
this is a chance for an informal visit
to meet your Councilmembers.

Tell them what's on your mind about Tukwila!

Time: 10:00am to 12:00 noon

Place: Starbucks at 13038 Interurban Avenue S.

Date: Saturdays, November 14, December 12

For more information, call 206-433-1834

Adopted 6-month moratorium on establishing such uses and on acceptance and/or processing of applications relating to diversion facilities and diversion interim service facilities for treatment of mentally ill and chemically-dependent adults in crisis.

Held public hearing regarding resolution declaring intent to consider formation of Local Improvement District, to be known as Local Improvement District No. 33, for purpose of improving urban access for the Southcenter Area, and setting public hearing date to consider formation of the LID.

Approved resolution declaring intent of City Council to consider formation of Local Improvement District No. 33.

Approved ordinance adopting 2006 State Building Code and Washington Cities Electrical Code, and establishing authority for hearing-related appeals.

Authorized acceptance of United States Department of Justice COPS grant in the amount of \$928,308.00, to include City contribution of \$1,014,444.00, over next 4 years.

Declared City property located at 5829 South 140th Street in Tukwila as surplus.

Approved ordinance establishing new regulations regarding solid waste utility tax.

Approved relocation of Seattle Southside Visitor Information Services office to 3100 South 176th Street in SeaTac.

*For up-to-date information about
Council meetings, agendas, and activities,
visit <http://www.ci.tukwila.wa.us>*



**LEND A HAND,
FEED A NEIGHBOR
FOOD DRIVE**

NOVEMBER 16-21

Benefitting the Tukwila Food Pantry

**Please drop off your non-perishable food items
to the Community Center during this week.
We want to help families have
a great Thanksgiving!**

**Items most in need:
Canned Soup
Canned Fruit**

COUNCIL CORNER

"Thanks to all"

by Joan Hernandez,
Council President



Looking back at 2009 is like gazing into the rear-view mirror and wondering if the road ahead is going to be as rough as the road behind us. I don't recall a time during my 22 years as a Council Member when the workload was as heavy as this past year. Serving as the 2009 Council President has been rewarding: we celebrated our centennial, moved forward with major decisions on the Tukwila Village property, completed the Tukwila South annexation, and accomplished the requirements of reviewing a massive Shoreline Master Plan.

I thank each and every Councilmember for the commitment and dedication required to read lengthy agendas and attend many additional work sessions and community meetings beyond our routine schedule. Much has been expected of your Council in meeting all of the challenges placed before them, and much has been given in terms of their time and energy. The Councilmembers truly deserve this community's appreciation for their determination to accomplish this year's tasks.

We'll end this year with additional budget worksessions to address the

economic dilemma of diminishing revenues. These revenues are required to maintain our City-provided services. More challenges lie ahead as we seek funding sources for emergency preparedness, potential flood disasters and infrastructure improvements.

Thanks go to everyone who has volunteered to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance at Council meetings. Your participation has been most welcome and appreciated by all. Thanks also to the Mayor, City Administrator and staff who provide the professional support we need to do our job. It has been a pleasure and an honor to serve as Council President, and I now look forward to handing over this responsibility, which traditionally rotates to the next most senior member of the Council for the coming year.

Honor for Tukwila K9 team

In July 2009, Tukwila Police Department Canine Officer Jamie Sturgill and his canine partner Gino were named Officers of the Month, on the Q13 Fox TV show "Western Washington's Most Wanted". This TV program televises and attempts to capture Puget Sound area wanted criminals, and also honors law enforcement officers and their exceptional work and service to the community.

Officer Sturgill and his German Shepherd partner were honored for their actions during a June 15 incident when, while attempting to catch a robbery suspect, the suspect stabbed Gino in the neck with a knife. The canine was critically wounded during the capture of the suspect, but has since recovered from his injuries.

Officer Sturgill and Gino were honored at an awards ceremony at the Q13 Fox studios, which was taped and later broadcast. Sturgill's family and other members of the Tukwila Police Department present met news anchor Maria Arcega-Dunn and weatherman Walter Kelly, and got a tour of the news studio. Officer Sturgill and Gino received a plaque, and their names were added to a plaque displayed at the studio. Read about Officer Sturgill and Gino – and other honored law enforcement – online at www.catchwmw.com

Fall 2009 Citizen's Police Academy

On October 21, students participating in the third Tukwila Citizen's Police Academy graduated. These seven dedicated students gave up every Monday and Wednesday evening – in addition to one Saturday – for six weeks in September and October to learn about policing in the City of Tukwila. Topics included emergency driving, firearms, SWAT, interrogation techniques and what it takes to be a Tukwila Police Officer. This was the first class to use a portable simulator testing their judgment in "shooting" situations.

The next Tukwila Citizen's Police Academy will be held on Thursday evenings, beginning in January 2010. For the exact dates and an application form, check the Crime Prevention section of the City of Tukwila web page (<http://www.ci.tukwila.wa.us/police/pdcrimep.html>) or contact Community Policing Coordinator, Chris Partman at tukpdcop@ci.tukwila.wa.us or 206-431-2197.



Now available... submit your utility payments online!

Earlier this year, the City of Tukwila's Finance Department began to accept debit/credit cards (Visa and MasterCard only) for payment of utility bills, in person and over the phone. Although customers appreciated the new option of "paying with plastic," many were still wondering when they'd be able to pay their bills online.

The City's Information Technology Department implemented the solution provided by our financial software vendor, making web payments possible

through the City's website. If you currently pay water and sewer and/or storm water bills to the City of Tukwila, you now have the option to submit your utility payment online.

To set up your online account, go to the City's website at www.ci.tukwila.wa.us and click on the link to the utility billing page, then follow the instructions provided there. Using a recent bill for reference, you'll enter your account information and set up a user name and password for access. After access is established, you can make utility payments, as well as be able to view your account history, usage chart and account summary.

If you have any questions about accessing the website or setting up an online account, please call 206-433-1835. We hope you'll find this new option useful.

2010 license renewals

Business license renewal forms will be mailed the first week of December to all currently licensed Tukwila businesses. 2009 City business licenses expire on December 31 and by law must be renewed no later than January 31. Non renewal penalty fees will be assessed beginning February 1, 2010. Specialty licenses are also required for live music/entertainment, tow trucks, amusement devices, adult entertainment, or soliciting/peddling activities.

Businesses new to Tukwila are required to obtain a license prior to opening. Application forms are available from the City Clerk's office during regular business hours (8:30AM to 5:00PM, Monday through Friday). Business license applications may also be printed from the City of Tukwila website at <http://www.ci.tukwila.wa.us>.

FEE SCHEDULE

Number of Employees	License Fee
0 to 20 employees	\$100.00
21 to 50 employees	\$150.00
51 to 100 employees	\$200.00
101 employees and up	\$300.00
Home occupation	\$ 50.00
(pursuant to TMC 5.04.010)	

If you have any questions regarding the fee schedule or licensing procedures, please call 206-433-1854.

Tukwila Pond enhancements take shape

Hardworking volunteers spent the summer and fall completing work at the Wetland Buffer Enhancement Project at Tukwila Pond, resulting in an attractive, densely planted diverse buffer that will improve habitat for urban wildlife and provide an urban nature experience for people. Funded in part by a "WaterWorks" grant from King County's Department of Natural Resources and Parks, the buffer restoration has been a community effort since the fall in 2008.

Over 1,000 plants have been placed in the ground, including native trees, shrubs and groundcover; blackberries were controlled; logs were placed as habitat features; and wood chip mulch was put in. A winding woodland trail through the buffer and a new viewpoint overlooking the restored wetland were added.

There will be a few more things to finish up this winter in anticipation of a grand opening celebration in the spring. Long-term maintenance of the buffer will be coordinated by the City. Volunteers will still be needed from time to time to weed and mulch the plantings. If you'd like to receive information on future work parties

please contact Tukwila's Volunteer Coordinator Tracy Gallaway at 206-768-2822, or you can send her an email at volunteer@ci.tukwila.wa.us.

The following volunteer groups have contributed their time on this project:

Macy's Logistics and Operations,
Partners in Time Program
(the City's main project partner)

Tukwila residents • Rotary Club of Tukwila
Girl Scouts of Western WA Service Unit 35
Mt. Rainier High School Environmental Club
Showalter Middle School

New Enchantment (Novo Encanto)
DCD & Police Department staff and friends
Group Health Project Management Office
ATT • Providence • Work Tank • Earth Corps
Many thanks to these groups and the following local businesses for their support:

Starbucks (Andover Park West and
Strander Blvd stores)
Prosser Piano
(donating cardboard for sheet mulching)
KGM Assemblers, Kent
(donating cardboard for sheet mulching)
Asplund, Davey Tree, NW Landscaping,
Fred Meyer Maintenance
(donations of wood chips)

CITY OF TUKWILA

FALL COLLECTION & RECYCLING EVENT

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14 – 9:00AM to 3:00PM

LOCATION: TUKWILA VILLAGE SITE

Corner of South 144th Street
and 41st Avenue South
(1 block west of Foster High School)

TIME: 9:00AM TO 3:00PM

(Must be in line by 2:30 to ensure participation in event)

This annual drop box collection event, sponsored by the City of Tukwila and Allied Waste, is open to all Tukwila residents. Please bring identification and proof of residency.

Large, bulky items including stoves, washing machines, dryers, mattresses, furniture and electronic equipment will be accepted. Please note that there are quantity limits on electronic equipment and pick-up restrictions on certain items such as hazardous waste, construction and demolition materials, and other restricted items.

PLEASE NOTE: We reserve the right to refuse oversize, commercial, contaminated, excessive or unacceptable loads.



TUKWILA PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.

6300 Southcenter Boulevard
Tukwila, WA 98188
Phone: 206-433-0179



ALLIED WASTE SERVICES

22010 76th Avenue South
Kent, WA 98032
Phone: 206-682-9735



ITEMS THAT WILL BE ACCEPTED

- **ELECTRONICS** ***
 - computer monitor and tower***
 - printer/scanner***
 - desktop copier***
 - television/stereo***
 - VCR
 - radio
 - cellular phone

*** *Electronics collection Is limited to one of each *** item*

- **SCRAP METAL** (less than 2' in any direction and less than 35 lbs. in weight per item; no wood, rubber, plastic or other contaminants)
- **WHITE GOODS** (for safety concerns, you MUST take the door off all appliances to prevent children from getting trapped inside)
 - Stove
 - Washing machine
 - Dryer
- **FURNITURE**
 - Mattress & box springs (all sizes)
 - Chair (Lounge, rocking, dining)
 - Loveseat or sofa (no sofa beds)
 - Large furniture
 - Chest of drawers
 - Desk
- **CARDBOARD BOXES**
 - Flattened boxes only
 - No plastic coating



ITEMS THAT WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

- **AUTOMOTIVE WASTE** (includes all fluids, batteries, running gears, automotive body parts)
- **CONSTRUCTION/DEMOLITION** (includes concrete, asphalt, dry wall, masonry, roofing, siding, insulation, structural metal, brush, sand, rocks, dirt, windows, doors/door frames, vinyl flooring, fencing)
- **HOUSEHOLD RECYCLABLE MATERIALS** (includes magazines, newspapers, paper, glass, and aluminum cans)
- **GARBAGE** (no household trash will be collected as part of drop box collection event)
- **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE** (products on which labels contain "caustic", "flammable", "warning", "danger", "poison" or "pesticides")
- **PRODUCTS CONTAINING MERCURY** (including thermometers, thermostats, fluorescent bulbs, mercury added batteries and switches)
- **HOT TUBS**
- **FREEZERS**
- **FURNACES**
- **REFRIGERATORS**
- **AIR CONDITIONERS**
- **HOT WATER HEATERS**
- **WOOD** (treated and untreated)



What's New(s) in Human Services

Human Services Office
Evie – 206-433-7180
Stacy – 206-433-7181
tukhserv@ci.tukwila.wa.us

Crisis Clinic
(24-hour line)
206-461-3222
1-866-427-4747

Help with Heating Bills

Puget Sound Energy Natural Gas/Electric Services offers a winter disconnection moratorium from November 15 to March 15, allowing customers to avoid disconnection by setting up a bill payment plan. Customers must provide written notice of inability to pay within five business days of receiving a late notice and follow a detailed application process. Customers with a verified medical emergency, including dependency on a life-support system, may apply for a 30-day extension of current electric or natural gas bill.

Minor Home Repair Program

This year the Tukwila Minor Home Repair Program replaced hot water tanks, repaired toilets, unplugged sinks, installed grab bars, repaired stairs and breaker boxes, stopped plumbing leaks, fixed windows, etc. Over 32 unique jobs were completed with these Community Development Block Grant funds. Indicators look good for continuation of the program in 2010. Clients are enrolled using proof of low-to-moderate income as one eligibility criteria. Jobs are prioritized for safety and health reasons. Limits are established for dollar value of jobs. Call 206-433-7180 to see if you qualify.

HomeSight promotes affordable home ownership

HomeSight – a non-profit 501(c)3 community development corporation – serves the Puget Sound region, promoting affordable home ownership opportunities through homebuyer education and financial counseling, low-cost home loans, and affordable new home construction.

HomeSight received a \$1,000,000 capital grant award from the Department of Treasury's Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Fund. HomeSight was one of 62

Conserve energy – save money

Many residents may be experiencing sticker shock with their utility bills this winter. Here are some reminders of how to minimize costs on your utility bill.

- 💰 Try to keep your thermostat at steady numbers; constantly changing your thermostat uses more energy because your heater works harder. An automatic thermostat can control the heat use for you. Consider setting the thermostat to 65–68 degrees in the winter when you're at home; you can save up to 3% on heating costs for every degree your thermostat is lowered. If you wear warm clothes, you may be able to set the thermostat lower. Remember that small children and older people have a more difficult time maintaining body heat.
- 💰 Keep furnace filters clean, and change them according to your furnace type.
- 💰 Make sure your fireplace damper is closed when not in use. A fireplace screen or metal sheeting or other inflammable material can help keep heat in as well.
- 💰 Close drapes at night and on cold, cloudy days. Make sure to open these window coverings on warmer, sunny days.
- 💰 If you have a ceiling fan that performs a reverse motion, you can use it to push the warm air down from the ceiling.
- 💰 Fix your leaky faucets. One drop of hot water per second can waste 2,300 gallons of water per year plus the energy to heat it. Installing energy-saving faucet aerators on your showers and sinks can reduce water flow by about 50%.
- 💰 Install weather-stripping around doorjamb and windows to seal cracks. Caulk around windows and doorframes. Install storm windows on both sides of single-pane windows.
- 💰 Fluorescent lights use ¼ of the electricity to produce the same amount of light.
- 💰 Use cold water to operate the waste disposal and rinse dishes in cold water before using the dishwasher. Run your washer, dryer and dishwasher only with full loads.
- 💰 Don't heat rooms that are not in use. Close them off from the living areas where you spend most of your time and heat only those areas.

organizations selected from around the country through a highly competitive grant process. HomeSight will use these funds to make mortgage loans to first-time homebuyers; they can provide up to \$45,000 down-payment assistance for qualified homebuyers in Tukwila.

For more information, please call 206-723-4355 or their toll-free number at 888-749-4663. You can also visit their website at www.homesightwa.org.



32 THINGS YOU CAN DO TO REDUCE YOUR IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Interested in reducing your carbon footprint on the planet?
Check these out:

SAVE ENERGY

- 1 Adjust your thermostat
- 2 Use compact fluorescent bulbs
- 3 Air dry your clothes
- 4 Insulate your water heater
- 5 Switch to a tankless water heater
- 6 Replace your old appliances
- 7 Unplug unused electronics
- 8 Turn off your computer

– and prevent
unnecessary heat loss

- 9 Check your water heater
- 10 Switch to double-pane windows
- 11 Weatherize your home
- 12 Insulate your home

– and maintain comfortable
temperatures indoors

- 13 Change your air conditioner
- 14 Put on a sweater

SAVE WATER AND THE ENERGY USED TO HEAT IT

- 15 Fill the dishwasher
- 16 Take shorter showers
- 17 Install low-flow showerhead

CONSERVE RESOURCES

- 18 Bring cloth bags to the market
- 19 Use recycled paper
- 20 Avoid disposable plastic bottles
- 21 Buy minimally packaged goods
- 22 Reduce garbage

– and reduce waste
bound for landfills

CONSERVE PETROLEUM

- 23 Buy a fuel-efficient car
- 24 Carpool when you can
- 25 Don't idle your car
- 26 Buy a hybrid car

– and reduce emissions

– and lessen noise, plus
get more exercise

- 27 Use a push mower

– and boost local economy

– and get better gas mileage

- 28 Buy products locally
- 29 Inflate your car's tires
- 30 Change your air filter

REDUCE PETROLEUM- BASED FERTILIZER USAGE

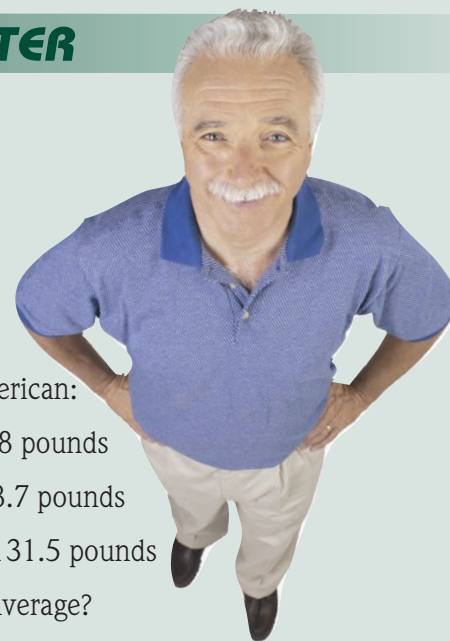
- 31 Buy organic food

REDUCE POLLUTION & PROVIDE SUMMER SHADE

- 32 Plant a tree

How many more ways can YOU think of?

Are you average?



Every year
the average American:

- Recycles 408.8 pounds
- Composts 138.7 pounds
- Disposes of 1131.5 pounds

Are you above average?

Recycling @ work

Nearly 30% of the typical business's garbage is made up of recyclable paper. You're in the habit of recycling at home, but how well do you do at work? Here are a few tips to reduce waste in the workplace:

- Place recycling containers under your desk to make recycling convenient
- Pair up garbage and recycling containers side-by-side so that you and your co-workers have a choice when throwing things away
- Set your printers' default to double-sided printing to cut down on paper waste.

Green up your cleaning!

Try this healthier, home-made cleaning recipe for cleaning windows and mirrors.

- For indoor windows and mirrors, use 1 cup vinegar mixed with 3 cups water
- For outdoor windows, use a sponge and wash with warm water mixed with a few drops of liquid soap. Rinse well and "squeegee" dry.

For more information, please contact
Recycling Coordinator Rebecca Fox –
Phone: 206-431-3683
Email: recycle@ci.tukwila.wa.us

CITY DIRECTORY

TUKWILA CITY HALL

6200 Southcenter Boulevard
Hours: Monday–Friday, 8:30AM–5:00PM
Telephone: 206-433-1800
Fax number: 206-433-1833
TTY number: 206-248-2933
Website: <http://www.ci.tukwila.wa.us>
E-mail: tukwila@ci.tukwila.wa.us

TUKWILA CITY COUNCIL

Joan Hernandez, Pres.206-248-0260
Joe Duffie (beeper #)206-994-7229
Pamela Linder206-439-2473
Dennis Robertson206-242-6373
Verna Griffin206-293-3274
Kathy Hougardy206-571-0007
De'Sean Quinn206-241-0225
Kimberly Matej, Analyst206-433-1834

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

7:00PM in Council Chambers
Regular Meetings 1st/3rd Mondays
Work Meetings2nd/4th Mondays
Agenda Info Line.....206-431-3656

CITY OFFICES

Mayor's Office
Jim Haggerton, Mayor206-433-1805
Rhonda Berry, City Admin.....206-433-1851
City Clerk's Office206-433-1800
Economic Development206-433-1832
Human Services206-433-7180
Municipal Court.....206-433-1840
Tourism/Marketing.....206-575-2489
Community Development Dept.
Jack Pace, Director.....206-431-3670
Code Enforcement206-431-3682
Finance Department
Shawn Hunstock, Director206-433-1835
Fire Department
Nick Olivas, Chief.....206-575-4404
Human Resources Department
Stephanie Brown, Director206-433-1831
Personnel.....206-433-1831
City Job Line206-433-1828
Information Technology Department
Mary Miotke, Director206-433-7150
Parks/Recreation Department
Bruce Fletcher, Director.....206-767-2342
Police Department
David Haynes, Chief206-433-1808
Public Works Department
Bob Giberson, Acting Dir.....206-433-0179
Emergency
Fire, Police.....911

TUKWILA COMMUNITY CENTER

12424 - 42nd Avenue South
Recreation Division206-768-2822
Senior Center/Services.....206-767-2323

TUKWILA CITY POOL

4414 S. 144th Street.....206-267-2350

FOSTER GOLF LINKS

13500 Interurban Avenue South
Pro Shop206-242-4221

THE HAZELNUT

*newsletter is published five times a year by the
City of Tukwila, and written by City staff.
Editing/production: Stacia Norris*

THE HAZELNUT

*City of Tukwila
6200 Southcenter Blvd.
Tukwila, WA 98188*

*Postmaster:
If named addressee
has moved, deliver
to current resident.*

PRESORT STANDARD
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
SEATTLE, WA
PERMIT NO. 12698

To help us correct addresses or eliminate duplicates, please call 206-433-1800.

Sign up for City's notification system

In an effort to keep interested Tukwila citizens up-to-date with the most current information regarding the Howard Hanson Dam, the City is offering a notification system. After you're signed up on our eList, you'll be able to be notified in your preferred manner about situation updates or status changes, or when new information becomes available. Follow the link to the online sign-up section from our Howard Hanson Dam Flood Watch Information page: <http://www.ci.tukwila.wa.us/hhdam.html>

or call: 206-433-0179

Listen for Tukwila's new AHAB siren!



AHAB stands for "All Hazard Alert Broadcast" – a siren of this type is being installed at Fire Station #51 in the Southcenter area. If you hear this siren (and you will hear it!), listen for the instructions that will follow. The instructions will also be repeated on the Emergency Alert System so if you hear the siren but can't hear the instructions well enough, tune to **AM1640 on your radio or Channel Tukwila 21** on your Comcast cable television, to hear the full text of the alert. Then, please – FOLLOW THOSE INSTRUCTIONS.

FOR FLOOD WATCH INFORMATION

Tukwila's Emergency Flood Information Line: 206-431-2186



RADIO City's emergency station, AM 1640
Radio stations (KOMO 1000 AM, KIRO 97.3 FM)

TV Tukwila TV, Comcast Channel 21
Broadcast TV channels (KOMO 4, KING 5, KIRO 7)

WEB Go to the special information section on the City's website:
www.ci.tukwila.wa.us/hhdam.html for links to:
◆ Flood warning website (King County government)
◆ Howard Hanson Dam information (Corps of Engineers)
◆ Northwest weather forecast (NOAA)
◆ Green River Basin data summary (Corps of Engineers)